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### Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) 3rd Amendment Order, 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

On May 31, 2004, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, issued a Gazette notification amending certain provisions of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, pertaining to treatment of wood packaging materials. The new Order exempts wood packing material appropriately treated and marked per ISPM-15 from the phytosanitary certificate requirement, and delays implementation of this clause until November 1, 2004.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Third Amendment Order, 2004, dated May 31, 2004, which amends certain provisions of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 (PQO 2003) (see GAIN report IN3126), pertaining to the treatment of wood packaging materials.

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**Type of Regulation:** Final.

**Important Dates:**

- Publication Date: May 31, 2004
- Effective Date: November 1, 2004

**Products Affected:** Solid Wood Packaging Material.

**Agency in Charge:** Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI

**Proposed Changes:**

This Order deletes Sub-clauses 21 and 22 of Clause 3 of the PQO 2003, which are the provisions relating to the treatment of wood packing materials, with effect from May 31, 2004, and invokes a new provision, i.e. Sub-clause 20 A of Clause 3, which prescribes the treatment of wood packing materials, effective November 1, 2004. The new sub-clause 20A reads:

"No article, packed with raw/solid wood packaging material shall be released by the proper officer of Customs unless the wood packaging material has been appropriately treated and marked as per ISPM-15 or is accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with the treatment endorsed.

The treatment of raw/solid wood packaging material prior to export shall include either methyl bromide (MB) @ 48 g/m<sup>3</sup> for 16 hrs at 21°C and above or any equivalent thereof or heat treatment (HT) at 56°C for 30 min (core temperature of wood) or Kiln Drying (KD) or Chemical Pressure Impregnation (CPI) or any other treatments provided that these meet the HT specifications of the ISPM-15.

Any article, if found packed with raw/solid wood packaging material without specified treatment and without marking as per ISPM-15 or if not accompanied by phytosanitary certificate with treatment endorsed, as the case may be, shall be considered untreated and shall be referred by the proper officer of the Customs to Plant Quarantine Officer. The proper officer of customs shall grant release of such articles packed with untreated wood packaging material only after ensuring that the wood packaging material has been appropriately treated at the point of entry under the supervision of Plant Quarantine Officer.

Provided that above conditions shall not be applicable to wood packaging material wholly made of processed wood products such as ply wood, particle board, oriental strand board or veneer that have been created using glue, heat and pressure or combination thereof. Also the above conditions shall not be applicable to wood packaging material such as veneer peeler cores, saw dust, wood wool & shavings and thin wood pieces (less than 6 mm thickness), unless they are found to be harboring any regulated pests specified in this order.

Provided further that nothing contained in this clause shall be applicable to wood packaging materials used for packaging of bona-fide passenger baggage containing goods other than plant and plant products."

For the complete notification, see <http://agricoop.nic.in/gazette/gatt.pdf>

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